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SYMPOSIUM ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

The following excerpts are from a paper presented at the Hearings before the Committee on Science and Astronautics U.S. House of Representatives on July 29th, 1968.

The scientist is Dr. Stanton T. Friedman, an Astronuclear Physicist from the Westinghouse Astronuclear Laboratory at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"I have concluded that the earth is being visited by intelligently controlled vehicles whose origin is extraterrestrial. This doesn't mean I know where they come from, why they are here, or how they operate."

"Eyewitness and photographic and radar reports from all over the earth by competent witnesses of definite objects whose characteristics such as maneuverability, high speed, and hovering, along with definite shape, texture, and surface features rule out terrestrial explanations."

In answer to the question "Why haven't the worldwide Smithsonian Network of Satellite Tracking cameras picked up 'Unknowns'?" Dr. Friedman answered - "The former head of the film evaluation group concerned with the Smithsonian sky watch said that the purpose of the search was to get data on satellite orbits. If a light source on the film could be shown not to be a satellite then no further measurements were made. 10% to 15% of the plates showed anomalous light sources which were not a satellite but were not otherwise identified."

Dr. Friedman followed with another interesting answer to the question 'Aren't the reported maneuvers of UFO's in violation of existing laws of physics?' He said "Not at all. This argument (It's impossible) is used when what should really be said is we don't know how to duplicate these maneuvers. Piston aircraft can't fly faster than the speed of sound and a conventional dynamite bomb couldn't have wrecked Hiroshima but surely we don't say that supersonic flight and atom bombs violate the laws of nature or physics."

"This is one of the major flaws in the 'non-believers' arguments. They presume that our technology is the ultimate - a presumption made by each generation of scientists and proved wrong by the next generation of engineers and applied scientists."

"Look what technological progress we have made in the last 100 years, who can guess what we will accomplish in the next thousand years - or what others have accomplished in the thousand or million or billion year start they may have on us. We still don't know about gravity, for example, no less anti-gravity."

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ANGELS HAIR.

For some considerable time, the phenomenon of Angels Hair has been somewhat of a mystery to the UFO researcher, but recently the Canadian group known as Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation (CAPRO) has managed to have some of this elusive and puzzling substance analysed.

The following are extracts from a letter recently received from one of the Committee.

"We have been kept quite busy this summer with several good cases. One involved a daylight sighting of three discs in Ste. Anne, Manitoba, during which time "angel hair" was expelled from the three objects. We were fortunate enough to recover some of this elusive material and were able to analyse it. It is cellulose - actually rayon fibres manufactured in consistent lengths. All of the filament-like hairs were exactly 1/200m.m. in diameter and coated with a yet undetermined gummy substance. We have exhausted all leads trying to determine what "earthly" use this substance might have although we have sent samples to the National Research Council, APRO, Dr. Hynek and others. I do not believe "angel hair" has been held long enough before for analyses although you may be able to correct me on that point. Some forms of cellulose are used in propellants therefore we may have something of significance here."

x "The analyses of the metal indicated that it was 93 - 96% silver with traces of copper, cadmium and gold. The National Research Council stated it was common sterling or sheet silver but this is totally unacceptable. The concentration of silver is much too high and copper much too low to attribute the metal to that.

As you know, the metal was taken from the exact spot over which the UFO is alleged to have hovered and it is inconceivable, due to the isolation of this area, that someone happened to be on this very spot melting sterling silver. The only other possibility, other than UFO origin, is that Michalak himself planted it and I am satisfied, after thorough investigation, that this is not so. We are now in the midst of psychological and hypnotic tests with Michalak under the direction of a psychologist and a clinical hypnotist."

x Our June/July news-sheet told of Steve Michalak's experience with a UFO. He actually touched the object and received second and third degree burns. His symptoms, altogether, suggested he suffered from radiation burns.

ITEM OF INTEREST.

(From a press cutting from member Harry Griesberg, NSW)
Ancient Fortress Found In Chile
Santiago (Chile). - A group of climbers have returned from an expedition high into the Andes without finding the object of their search - a flying saucer base.

The climbers say they found, instead, what could have been a fortress of an unknown civilization. They had, however, seen a flying saucer in the area, they said.

The searchers showed reporters in Santiago a photograph of a flash of light in the night sky above the Andes. Their investigation followed reports of flying saucers, cars stopping and starting without explanation and out-of-season flowers blooming suddenly.

They found nothing to corroborate these reports. They said they had found - opposite an extinct volcano - two platforms about 700 square yards each, constructed of 233 blocks of volcanic rock.

They agreed that an ancient civilization had built the platforms.

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V.U.F.O.R.S. QUILTS C.A.P.I.O.

Following the unauthorised publication by Mrs. Sylvia Sutton, Secretary of C.A.P.I.O., of statements relating to the recent sighting of a U.F.O. near Banyule High School, the V.U.F.O.R.S. Committee has resolved to resign its membership of C.A.P.I.O. and the Organisation has been advised accordingly.

Mrs. Sutton's statement to "The Age" newspaper resulted in several of the Banyule witnesses refusing interviews to officers of the Society and has consequently seriously prejudiced their investigation of the sighting.

A letter written by the Society Secretary to Mrs. Sutton, protesting her statement, failed to receive any satisfactory reply, and our Committee thereupon reluctantly determined to discontinue V.U.F.O.R.S. membership in C.A.P.I.O.

The Committee is anxious to maintain the Society's friendly relations with other C.A.P.I.O. members, and letters enclosing copies of the correspondence between our Committee and the C.A.P.I.O. Secretary have been sent to all State Secretaries.

The Society still believes in the concept of a national affiliating body, but is not interested in participating in membership while the present administration of C.A.P.I.O. remains in control.

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MAGAZINE.

The Committee deeply regrets the very late publication of the present issue, due entirely to a series of delays at the hands of the printer.

A new printer is being sought for our next issue!

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CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER.

"INSERTION".

"VACANCY".

MEMBERS TO FILL SEATS ON LOGS AT "THE DOGS' HOME" - A
MILE NORTH OF THE ELTHAM STATION - SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER -
12 NOON TO 5 P.M. - DISCUSSIONS AND

ARGUMENTS ON U.F.O'S TO SUITABLE
BACKGROUND MUSIC.

A DOG BISCUIT AND FRESH WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING
THE AFTERNOON TO THOSE WHO SEND DONATION TO
VICE PRESIDENT BEFORE 30th NOVEMBER.

-- 50 CENTS FOR PRIVILEGE --.

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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING.

We will have as Guest Speaker, Mr. Geoff Whittle, Monash
University Scientist, who will talk on "COMPUTORS AND THEIR USE
IN SPACE".

This will be the final General Meeting for the year and we
hope it will be well attended. Members are requested to assist
with the supper by bringing sandwiches, cakes or biscuits - the
latter either savoury or sweet.

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SIGHTING. NIGHTS.

Members interested in attending sighting nights this
Summer, are asked to contact Douglas Mummery at 439.9241.

We have a large number of members without transport who are
keen to attend these outings, so we are anxious to learn of those
who will share their transport facilities with other members.

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MYSTERY OF THE LAKES. - Sweden. Credit Flying Saucer Review.(Eng.)

The Times of April 5th 1968, carried the following account -

"Something 'incredibly powerful' has smashed a huge hole through the ice covering a lake in central Sweden, but scientists and military experts are uncertain about what it was.

"The hole, discovered yesterday near Malung by two villagers, is 700 square yards in extent and was made through ice almost 3 ft. thick.

"The Defence Ministry was notified of the discovery by the police and sent experts to examine the hole, Colonel Curt Hermansson, who is leading the investigation, said today that an aircraft crash was out of the question.

"There are no traces round the hole, only big blocks of ice which have been thrown up, indicating that whatever went into the lake was incredibly powerful', he said.

"Some experts think that the hole is too big to have been made by a meteorite. All the information so far gathered is being studied and the possibility of sending down divers is being considered." -
Reuter.

The Guardian of April 8 reports yet another hole in the ice at Serna, Dalarna, some distance from Malung.

The report continues -

"Police and military experts called in to investigate are at a loss to explain how the holes came about. Frogmen were sent down at Malung but found nothing in the lake that could have made the hold. However there was thick mud on the bottom. 'It could have swallowed up anything,' an official said...."

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NEW PLANET.

Credit APRO Bulletin.

Italian Astronomer Raffaele Bendandi has announced in Faenza, Italy his discovery of a new planet which orbits between Mercury and the Sun at a distance of 25 million, 260 kilometers from the Sun, and which rotates around the Sun in 25 days and 10 hours, approximately.

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Report from Canada.

Credit Saucers, Space & Science No. 52.

The event occurred on April 3rd of this year near Beausejour. It took place around 11.30 p.m. and the UFO was about 400 feet above the highway and directly above the witness. It gave off a very strange loud humming noise. Seven bands of different colored lights were spinning around the object as though they were on belts. Mr. Kryschuk watched it for 10 minutes, got into his truck and the UFO followed him the remaining 4 miles where it went into the southwest like a lightning bolt.

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UFO BEEPS ON RECORD.

Credit Saucers, Space & Science.

A tape recording of UFO beeping was made by Mrs. G.C. Marshall of Midnapore, Alberta. The noise is a strange regular beeping and is a new feature added to the rash of UFO sightings in the Calgary area. The tape is one of many which have been made. Earlier this year the first visual sighting coinciding with the sound was made in the Bragg Creek area. At least eight witnesses were present near the home of Harold Norton near Bragg Creek when the UFO was sighted. Russell Hill, the High River forestry tower lookout who has reported UFOs a number of times, claims he has heard the beeping noise on his radio on different occasions.

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NUMEROUS UFOS SIGHTED IN CHILE.

"Courier" Ballarat, Victoria. 23/10/68.

Santiago (AAP-Reuter). A Chilean professor's photographs of a strange lens-shaped object with a convex roof have revived theories that flying saucers are prevalent in this country.

Professor Gabriel Alvial Caceres, director of the Centre for Investigation of Cosmic Radiation at the University of Chile, showed his photographs to a fascinated Press conference here recently.

He declined to say whether the object his team had photographed might be controlled by extra-terrestrial beings.

"But they are phenomena which our science cannot explain and which require the co-ordination and methodology of investigation of all scientific centres to provide an answer for the unknown,"

"The presence of these phenomena in the skies of Chile - 15 times in a year - compelled us to carry out these observations which have now been crowned with success".

Pilots' sighting.

Two veteran pilots of Argentina's national airline, Aerolineas Argentinas, recently reported seeing a flying saucer over southern Chile. And in northern Chile, four officials of the Public Health Service have been reported in a local newspaper as saying that a saucer landed near them and the pilots told them not to say a word about the landing.

Two of the men were examined about the incident under hypnosis.

One of them said the pilots of the saucer were "humanoid beings" with very thin legs. They used gestures to warn the men to keep silent about the landing.

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W.A. UNDER UFO SURVEILLANCE?

Two commercial pilots flew on a collision course with a UFO for about 20 minutes in the Zanthus area (W.A.), on the 22nd August this year. They watched a large disc-shaped object divide in two several times and eject a number of smaller cigar shaped craft. At the closest point of observation, the smaller craft were seen to merge with the two larger objects which once again joined together and flew off at great speed.

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W.A. AGAIN!

About 18 people watched three U.F.O's in the skies above Kalgoorlie on November 6th. The shiny objects were observed about 2 p.m. and a brown ring or smudge was noted round the edges while they were spinning and weaving at speed. Suddenly, after about 15 minutes, each one disappeared.

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On the "Today" program - Channel 9 - Mike Walsh reported that several school boys saw a UFO similar to those observed a few weeks ago at Kalgoorlie. The objects were allegedly flying into the clouds and down again in a continuous up and down motion. We are endeavouring to make further enquiries into this sighting.

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